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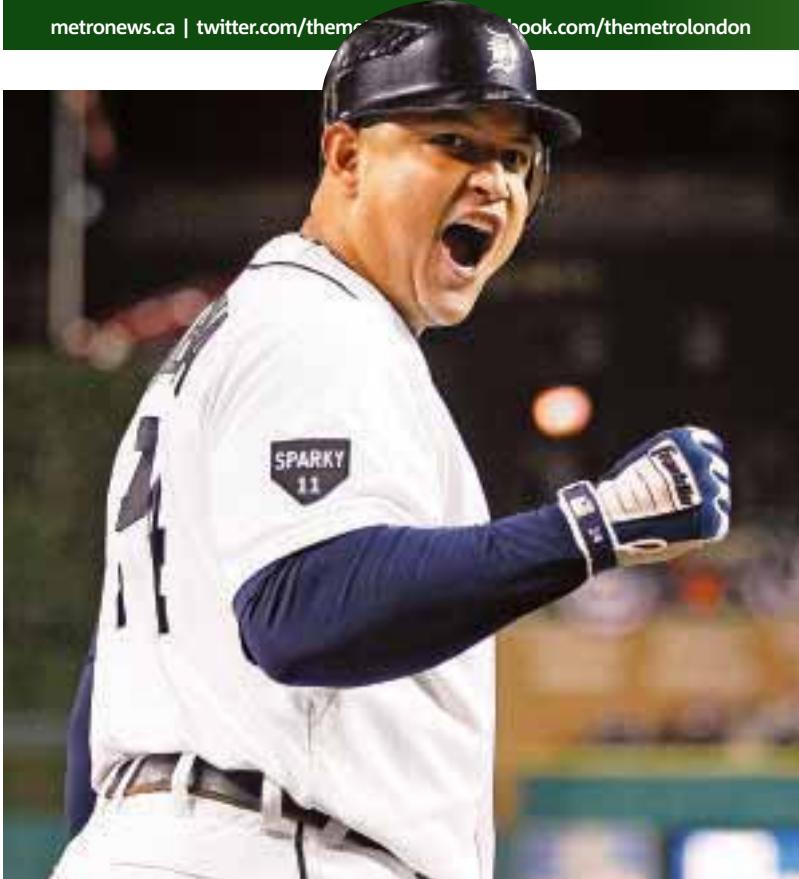
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MIGGY WINS MVP

Miguel Cabrera of the Detroit Tigers, seen here in Game 3 of the American League Division Series against the New York Yankees last month, was named AL MVP on Thursday. Cabrera received 22 of 28 first-place votes and 362 points from the AL panel of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Los Angeles Angels rookie centre fielder Mike Trout had six firsts and 281 points. See story on page 31. GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Discovering Different downtown

Economy. New promotion offers deals to highlight what core really has to offer

Downtown is opening the floodgates on the power of shopping local.

Nearly 40 businesses in the city's core are teaming up for Saturday's inaugural Discover Different shopping day.

The effort — expected to become a biannual event — is all about screaming a unified message: Shopping downtown "is different in a good way," says

Keep your change

Impark is offering free parking on its surface lots during Saturday's Discover Different shopping day.

Downtown London manager Janette MacDonald.

"All of our vendors down here, with the exception of a few, are all independents," MacDonald said, noting that means shoppers are likely dealing directly with a store's owner or one of their family members. "We want people in the suburbs to understand that."

"We've built a great neighbourhood and community; now we just have to showcase it to the rest of the planet."

More money pumped into downtown businesses means more money stays in the city's economy.

Almost 70 cents of every dollar spent at a locally-owned stays in the community, according to data from the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas. About 50 cents of every dollar spent at a big-box store leaves the country, the association says.

For full list of what's on the table, visit [discoverdifferent.ca](#).

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An injection of doctors

The number of physicians in Canada has increased at a high rate, a report shows

Twilight series bites the dust

The Reel Guys get some help in sinking their teeth into saga's final instalment

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CAW

Local working 'real hard' to keep 175 workers in London

CAW is hoping 175 workers who are in limbo due to a contract change at General Dynamics will stay employed, here in London.

"What we're working on real hard right now is a way to make sure that the workers that are impacted by the CEVA announcement go with those jobs," said CAW Local 27 president Tim Carrie. [AM980/AM980.CA](#)

Tall masked man

Cops on case of attempted bank heist in south Forest City

London police are investigating after an attempted bank robbery.

Police say Thursday afternoon, a man wearing a mask entered a TD Canada Trust on Wellington Road South. He fled soon after that. There was no indication of theft or use of a weapon, and no injuries were reported. Police are looking for a man about 6-feet tall.

[AM980/AM980.CA](#)

Politics

Tories say Grit leader told tales about prorogation

The opposition says Premier Dalton McGuinty misled people when he said he prorogued the Ontario legislature to allow time to negotiate with unions and the Progressive Conservatives on a public sector wage freeze.

It's now been a month since McGuinty's surprise resignation and prorogation of the legislature, and Tory finance critic Peter Shurman says there have been no talks at all with the Liberal government on a wage freeze.

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**So young and in love ... wait, is that a black wedding dress?**

A photographer snaps a picture of newlyweds Danish, left, and Chanpreet Bhatia on Thursday in Victoria Park, shortly after their wedding ceremony at city hall. Danish, 21, and Chanpreet, 22, both from London, met while attending Fanshawe College. [ANGELA MULLINS/METRO](#)

Emerging Leaders

Should I stay or should I go? Saturday event aims to find solutions to problem

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They've identified the problem: Many young, talented Londoners are on the fence about staying in the Forest City.

Now, Emerging Leaders is looking for ways to keep them here.

The group is hosting a Work in London symposium Saturday from 1 to 4 p.m. at Goodwill Industries (255 Horton St.) to open the discussion.

The event follows up on a recent survey by the nonprofit

that shows 57 per cent of 280 respondents — most of whom were 20 to 44 years old — are somewhat or very likely to leave London in the next 10 years.

In the same survey, 60 per cent of people said they've worked as many as four different jobs in the past decade. Nearly a quarter of people said they were unemployed or underemployed.

"It tells me that there is a problem, and we have to work on it," said Sean Quigley, Emerging Leaders' executive director. "It also tells me that if people are thinking about leaving, they don't see a potential for anything that's coming up in their future."

"I know that's not categorically true. I know there are good things coming up in London."

During Saturday's event,

Quigley will present research showing what cities similar to London around the world have done to attract and retain young talent. Presentations from local leaders, along with those from other cities, are also planned.

After the information is tabled, participants will be asked to come up with ideas about ways to address the issues at hand.

The ideas will then be translated into solutions and presented to the federal, provincial and municipal governments.

Bringing a multitude of voices into the conversation is important, Quigley said.

"In order to get responses to an issue that you think is important you need to speak to the entire community,"

More on the future of London**About the group:**

- Emerging Leaders is an incorporated nonprofit trying to retain, develop, and engage young adults in the Forest City.
- To register for Saturday's free event, visit [emergingleaders.ca/events](#).

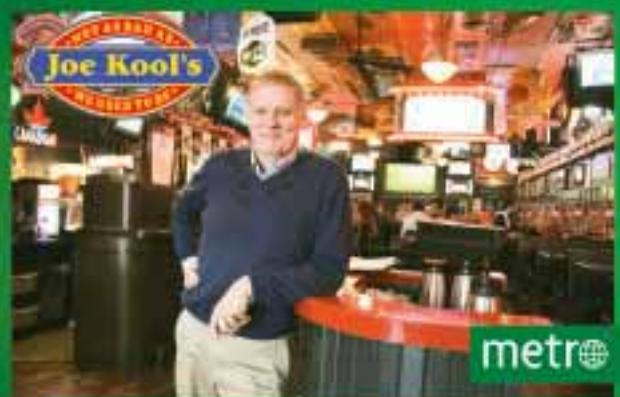
he said. "We're hoping this will be a catalyst for everyone to work together."

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Metro's Kool tour

Have you ever wondered about all the stuff you see around the walls and ceiling of Joe Kool's? Owner Mike Smith takes Metro on a guided tour of the iconic London restaurant/bar at [metronews.ca](#).



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London Matters: Life in the Forest City suits us just fine

Last of a five-part series. Survey shows solid ratings when it comes to quality of life

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From options for shopping to feeling safe, Londoners are satisfied with their lives overall.

It might be one of the most encouraging — and telltale — results of the recent London Matters poll of 503 people.

Craig Wight of MQO Research pointed to this satisfaction rating as one of the biggest highlights of the survey conducted by his firm for Metro.

Sure, people give less-than-stellar ratings to city council, have split opinions about freezing taxes and are down in the dumps about jobs. But, for the most part, people are "content," Wight said.

Nearly 90 per cent of people surveyed rated their overall quality of life as above average. Slightly more than half weighed in at eight or higher.

on a 10-point scale. London is also a good place to raise a family, a survey category that saw 65 per cent give ratings in the upper third.

Forty-one per cent of people ranked outdoor recreation facilities in the upper third, and 53 per cent gave the city's shopping an eight or higher on a 10-point scale.

The quality of restaurants and cafés is superb, people said, with 61 per cent doling out a rating of eight or higher. About 46 per cent of people said they dined out at least once a week.

As for staying power, Londoners seem to have it. Seventy-six per cent of people say they plan on staying in the city for at least five years.

The survey shows people 18 to 34 are most likely to leave in the next five years, with 57 per cent saying they plan to stay, compared to about 85 per cent of people in other age groups.



Emily Moxley, of London, centre, waits on Matt and Kelly Saunders, of Chatham, on Sunday at Earls Kitchen & Bar (1029 Wellington Rd. S.). The city's restaurants are one of the best things about London, people said in our London Matters survey. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

City parks a must-see, Londoners say

Welcome wagon

Where would Londoners take a visitor to show off the city? These were the most popular answers:

- Springbank Park (pictured right): 121 respondents
- Western University: 75
- Budweiser Gardens: 74
- Victoria Park: 48
- Thames River: 21



ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Forget bright lights and nightlife: When it comes to tourist attractions, London's parks rule.

Forks of the Thames. Springbank. Gibbons. Victoria. Name a city park and it likely cropped up when people were asked where they might take a visitor.

"We have beautiful parks in London," one London Matters respondent said, adding bike trails would be next on the list.

With the Thames River meandering through its heart, London is blessed with green spaces that de-

serve attention, said Steve Sauder, marketing specialist with the Upper Thames River Conservation Authority.

The city's parks and other natural areas are "ecological gems," he said.

"It's good to know that people are seeing the value."

Overall, 55 per cent of people surveyed counted London as an above-average place to visit, with the majority of those — 19 per cent — rating it a six on a 10-point scale.

ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Where would you live? If not London, then ...

It's your move

We asked people if you could live anywhere besides London, where would that be? These were the most popular answers:

- Toronto: 42 respondents
- London (did not want to move): 24
- Ottawa: 24
- Vancouver: 21
- Victoria: 12
- Calgary: 12

503

The number of Londoners who responded to the survey, conducted by MQO Research from Oct. 15 to 23 (212 men, 291 women). The margin of error is plus or minus four percentage points.

Come to London

80% The number of respondents who would encourage a friend or family member to move to London. Also, 80% of those in the 18-to-34 age group would say come to London.

Let's go eat!

51% The number of people aged 18 to 34 who dine out daily (6%), every few days (14%) or about once a week (31%). That's the highest of any age category.

Education

What is the highest level of education you've completed?

13% Postgraduate studies
56% Community college or university
25% High school
5% Less than high school
1% Did not answer

Income

13% More than \$120,000
11% \$95,001 to \$120,000
14% \$70,001 to \$95,000
19% \$45,001 to \$70,000
20% \$20,001 to \$45,000
9% \$20,000 or less
14% Did not answer

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1% Did not answer

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Technology & electronics. First-time show offers hands-on experience

Following a successful fifth edition of DIG London on Wednesday, the city's tech and video game community will recharge its batteries for another well-attended industry gathering.

The Technology & Electronics Show is set to take place at the Western Fair District on Friday and Saturday.

Organizers estimate around 3,000 people will walk through its gates over the course of the first-time exhibition.

"It's a new thing for us," said Heather Blackwell, director of corporate affairs for Western Fair District. "And we felt there was a need for it with the technology sector here."

Tech-related seminars, demonstrations, and even a "pitch stage" highlight the TEC's schedule.

Blackwell says the latest addition to Western Fair District's lineup of annual events promises to be all-encompassing. But, she warns it won't be perfect in its first go-around.

"I think some areas will probably be stronger than others, just because of what's available within the city," she said. "We can only anticipate things will get better (in the future)."

If you go

Friday (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

- Top speaker: Peter White, CEO of the London Economic Development Corporation — "London – Digitally Interactive" at 2 p.m.

Saturday (10 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

- Top speaker: Carmi Levy, local technology expert — "Getting off the Technology Treadmill" at 2 p.m.

*Tickets are \$10 in advance, or \$12 for adults and \$5 for students at the door.

A "history of technology" area is part of the set-up, allowing show-goers to revisit some old memories of playing Atari and other defunct video game consoles.

"It's sort of a hands-on show. There will be a lot of technology gadgets, phones, and accessories," Blackwell added. "There will be a lot of knowledgeable people within the industry there, too."

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Roman Catholic

Diocese warns of alleged fake priest

The Catholic Diocese of London is warning the public about an accused fraudster in priest's robes. The organization says it's been made aware of a man impersonating a Roman Catholic priest at funeral and nursing homes. Officials with the diocese say Terry Mertick is not, and never has been a priest. **AM980/AM980.CA**

Thames River bike path

Police find shell casings in SoHo

London police say they're investigating after gunshots rang out near Clarence and Hill streets Wednesday night. **AM980/AM980.CA**

HealthForceOntario

St. Joseph's wins award

St. Joseph's Health Care London has again been honoured with a Quality Health Care Workplace Award. **METRO**

Knights make it six wins in a row

London Knights forward Alex Broadhurst hits nothing but pad while all alone on Oshawa Generals goalie Daniel Altshuller during first-period action at Budweiser Gardens on Thursday night. Seth Griffith scored the winner for London in a 4-3 comeback overtime win. It extended the 14-5-0-2 club's winning streak to six games. For a full recap, visit [metronews.ca](#)

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Feds can't be sued over Big Tobacco: Court

The Quebec Court of Appeal says the federal government cannot be sued or held liable for damages involving Big Tobacco, possibly affecting a \$27-billion suit in the province. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Mallards and mares

Justin Trudeau, horse-fighter

Which would you rather fight: a horse-sized duck or 100 duck-sized horses? Justin Trudeau recently tackled the question in a P.E.I. student newspaper.

"Definitely 100 duck-sized horses," he said, noting the ferocity of Canadian



Justin Trudeau TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Northern neighbours

Russia silences native voices at Arctic Council

Canada is expressing concern about Russia shutting down a group that represents its northern aborigines at international Arctic Council meetings. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Midland, Texas

Train crashes into veterans parade float, killing four

Authorities say at least four are dead and 17 others are injured after a train slammed into a parade float headed to a West Texas event honouring wounded veterans.

The crash happened at a Union Pacific railroad crossing around 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Officials say 10 of those injured are in critical condition, while the rest are stable.

The parade was supposed to end at a "Hunt for Heroes" banquet. The wounded service members were then going to be treated to a deer-hunting trip. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Number of doctors at all-time high

What's up? Docs.

Proportion of physicians rapidly outpacing population growth and is getting better in rural areas

A new report says that over the last five years, the number of doctors in Canada has increased at a rate three times faster than that of the population.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information says there were more than 72,500 physicians caring for patients in 2011, a rise of 14 per cent since 2007.

The Canadian population grew 4.7 per cent over the same time period.

Nova Scotia, Newfoundland and Labrador, and Que-

Rural surge

"The gap between the number of urban and rural family physicians is decreasing."

Geoff Ballinger, CIHI's manager of health human resources in a statement Thursday

bec had the highest physician-to-population ratios, while Saskatchewan and Prince Edward Island had the lowest.

In 2011, 51 per cent of Canada's doctors practised family medicine, while 49 per cent were medical and surgical specialists.

The report also found that more doctors are practising in rural Canada compared to five years earlier, including 15 per cent of the country's general practitioners.

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Unsolved problems

While rural regions have managed to attract new doctors with a number of programs, many areas are still badly understaffed.

- Enderby, B.C. will soon have only one doctor for its 3,000 residents. The northern Okanagan community previously had a total of five.

Mafia. Inquiry reveals Mob intimidation tactics

Quebec's public inquiry is getting a glimpse into how the Italian Mafia used its muscle to maintain control of the construction industry in Montreal.

An out-of-town construction owner testified Thursday that he received multiple threats after bidding on contracts.

The Quebec City man, Martin Carrier, said he got a phone call at home in 2004. A man with an Italian accent warned him to stop working in the city.

Carrier asked the man for his name. That prompted a curt reply.

"Never mind who I am," the

caller said. "Because the next time you won't be walking away from here ... Thank you and have a nice day."

Later, when he didn't back down, Carrier received a condolence card at his office. It was the kind of card sent to a grieving family after a death.

The printed side of the card said: "Sincerest condolences." In neat handwriting, on the other side, the card read: "Dear friend, stop bidding in Montreal. If not, your family will receive a card just like this one. Final warning."

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Energy. Scientists offer guides for burying CO2

Scientists have released what they say are the first guidelines on the best way to store carbon dioxide underground so that it doesn't get back out.

The hope is that companies will want to follow the standards to help reassure the public about the safety of carbon capture and persuade doubters.

The guidelines include looking at geology and whether CO2 could flow through a possible fault underground. They also set out requirements and recommendations for burying the greenhouse gas in a safe way.

They are not mandatory, but more of a template for the industry, said Carmen Dubwad, CEO of the International Performance Assessment Centre for Geologic Storage of CO2.

"It's nice to be able to have, if you will, a guide, a standard to go through and say, 'Yes, we have made sure that we've looked at everything. We've looked at the issue of subsurface trespass. We've looked at the issue of fractures. We've looked at the possibility of setting a micro-seismic event,'" Dubwad said Thursday.

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Europe. Obama urged to focus on climate change

The European Union's climate commissioner hopes that U.S. President Barack Obama's renewed attention to global warming after the election will translate into greater U.S. involvement in UN climate talks.

Connie Hedegaard told The Associated Press during a visit to Stockholm on Thursday that many Europeans were disappointed that climate change didn't get more attention during Obama's first term.

"But I hope that the re-elected president will pull his whole weight now into this area," she said.

Climate change was virtually absent during the campaign until Hurricane Sandy hit, so activists were elated when Obama mentioned the "destructive power of a warming planet" in his victory speech.

The president also addressed the issue in a news conference Wednesday, saying he hopes to begin his second term by opening a national "conversation" on climate change.

Obama took some steps in his first term, such as sharply increasing fuel efficiency standards for cars and trucks.

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The inviolable right to life

Hanna Graham joins a candle-lit vigil protest outside Belfast City Hall in Northern Ireland on Thursday for Savita Halappanavar, the 31-year-old Indian woman who was 17-weeks pregnant when she died of blood poisoning after suffering a miscarriage in Galway, Ireland, on Oct. 28. Halappanavar's father, Andanappa Yalagi, said the combination of medical negligence and Irish abortion laws led to his daughter's death.

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BP to pay record \$4.5B over Gulf oil disaster

Offshore oil. As part of settlement, firm will plead guilty on charges related to worker deaths and lying to Congress



In this April 21, 2010, file image provided by the U.S. Coast Guard, fire-boat response crews battle the blazing remnants of the offshore oil rig Deepwater Horizon in the Gulf of Mexico. U.S. COAST GUARD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

A day of reckoning arrived for BP on Thursday as the oil giant agreed to plead guilty to a raft of criminal charges and pay a record \$4.5 billion US in a settlement with the U.S. government over the deadly 2010 disaster in the Gulf of Mexico. Three BP employees were also charged, two of them with manslaughter.

The settlement and the indictments came 2 1/2 years after the drilling rig explosion that killed 11 workers and set off the biggest offshore oil spill in U.S. history.

The settlement includes nearly \$1.3 billion in fines — the biggest criminal penalty in U.S. history — along with payments to entities inside and outside government. As part of the deal, BP will plead guilty to

charges related to the deaths of the 11 workers and to lying to Congress.

"We believe this resolution is in the best interest of BP and its shareholders," said Carl-Henric Svanberg, BP chairman. "It removes two significant legal risks and allows us to vigorously defend the company against the remaining civil claims."

Also, BP rig workers Robert Kaluza and Donald Vidrine were indicted on federal charges of manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter, accused of repeatedly disregarding abnormal high-pressure readings that should have been glaring indications of trouble just before the blowout. In addition, David Rainey,

BP's vice-president of exploration for the Gulf of Mexico at the time, was indicted on charges of obstruction of Congress and making false statements.

Prosecutors said he withheld information from Congress that indicated the amount of oil spewing from the blown-out well was greater than he let on. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Market Minute

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Private member's bill

Tax break for travel in Canada is welcome: Poll

Canadians are prepared to embrace the idea of a tax incentive for travelling within Canada, a new poll suggests. A federal private member's bill proposes a tax credit for air, bus or train fares on non-business trips that cross at least three provincial borders, and some 70 per cent of respondents to a recent Canadian Press-Harris/Decima poll expressed support for the idea. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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THE LIST
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You don't need a weatherman to tell which way the wind blows; you just need The Metro List.

1 Justin Trudeau for king. It will probably end up as a formality, but the federal Liberal leadership race is on, so far pitting the sexy son of a legendary philosopher-visionary prime minister against someone named Martha Hall Findlay. Gotta like them odds, Martha.

2 Old white men just like to have fun. Renowned for his strategic brilliance, Gen. David Petraeus also demonstrates that he can think with his little brain. After his affair with his biographer is revealed, Mrs. Petraeus is in shock if not awe. Now the old soldier would dearly love to fade away ... or crawl back under a nice rock.

3 Navel-gazing for science. The belly buttons of 66 volunteers at a North Carolina university were examined and researchers announced they contained 2,368 bacterial species, 1,458 of which may be new to science. One belly button alone harboured 107 species. I realize I say this a lot, but I am not making this up.

4 Why do lemmings jump over the fiscal cliff? Let me get this straight. Unless the U.S. Congress and the president come up with a new plan, a series of budgetary changes mandated to take place in the new year will plunge the world into recession? Why do I have a bad feeling about this?

5 Like THIS on Facebook. The Israeli Defense Force blows up the car carrying the head of military operations for Hamas, immediately posts the attack on YouTube, and sends the following tweet: "Ahmed Jabari: Eliminated." Geez.

6 And then there's Nik Lewis. In another inappropriate tweet, the slotback for the Calgary Stampeders issues the following bulletin: "I just bought O-J's gloves on eBay. Now all I need is a white girl named Nicole." First we had computer viruses, now we have social media disease.

7 Fifty million French persons outraged. The French government apparently feels the need to save it citizens from Nutella, that hazelnut and chocolate spread that no French person can get through the day without. The Nutella tax, as it's being called, increases the price of the oil used to make Nutella by three times. What's next? Foie gras?

8 Bieberwatch. No doubt overwrought after his breakup with Selena Gomez over the weekend, Justin Bieber was pulled over by a Hollywood cop for making an unsafe left hand turn. How about that? He's old enough to drive. It's his second violation in six months. The other one was for driving without training wheels.



Been doing some navel-gazing lately? Betcha didn't know there's a whole kingdom of different species in there — some not even known to scientists yet. FLICKR

A man-made mandala



SUBHASH SHARMA/GUINNESS WORLD RECORDS PHOTOS

Guinness record

Indian dancers set world record

Thousands of participants take part in the largest kaikottikali, a traditional Indian dance, in Mumbai — an achievement to celebrate Guinness World Records Day on Thursday.

The eighth annual event brought together more than 420,000 people worldwide, attempting to break an array of unique and amazing records. METRO

Dance in numbers

2,639

participants in the kaikottikali dance, the largest ever event of its kind and a world-first: A dance of this scale is unprecedented.

Kaikottikali is a famous group-dance performed by women in the southwest Indian state of Kerala. This spectacle has eight to 10 women dancing in a symmetrical form. The dancers move in a circular pattern, accompanied by rhythmic hand-clapping, to the tune of the ritual song Thiruvathira pattu. As they move, they bend sideways, with their arms coming together in graceful gestures.

Other records

- **Most underpants worn.** 266 by Australian Steve Jacobs, who beat the previous record held by himself: 247.
- **Most people crammed in a Mini Cooper.** 28 is the new record for most people crammed in a modern Mini in London, England. Dani Maynard and her team beat the previous record by one person cramming in for a total of five seconds.



Graceful dance, yet smashes record: The world-first mass kaikottikali dance was organized by local charity Mumbai Pooram Foundation.



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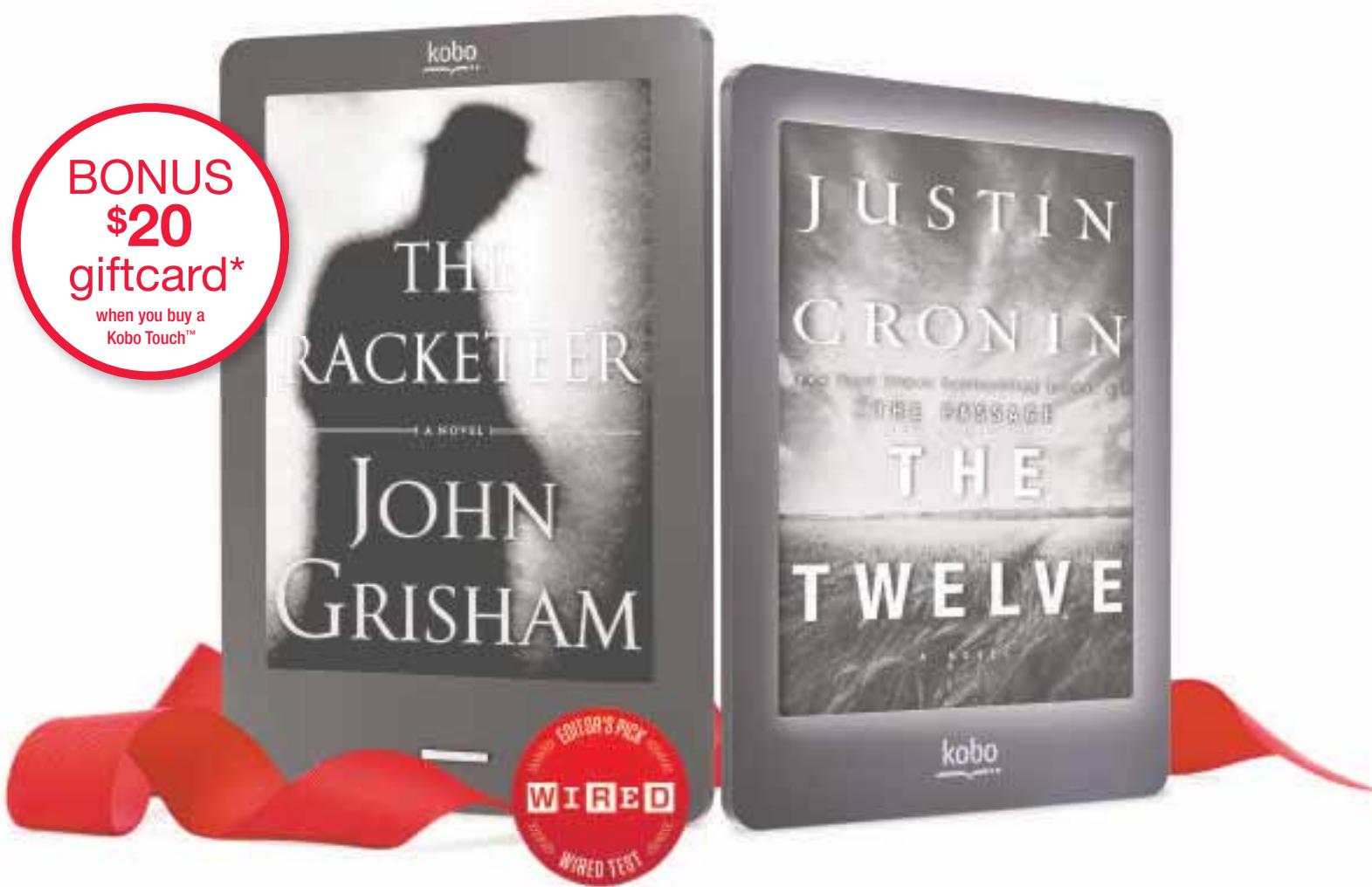
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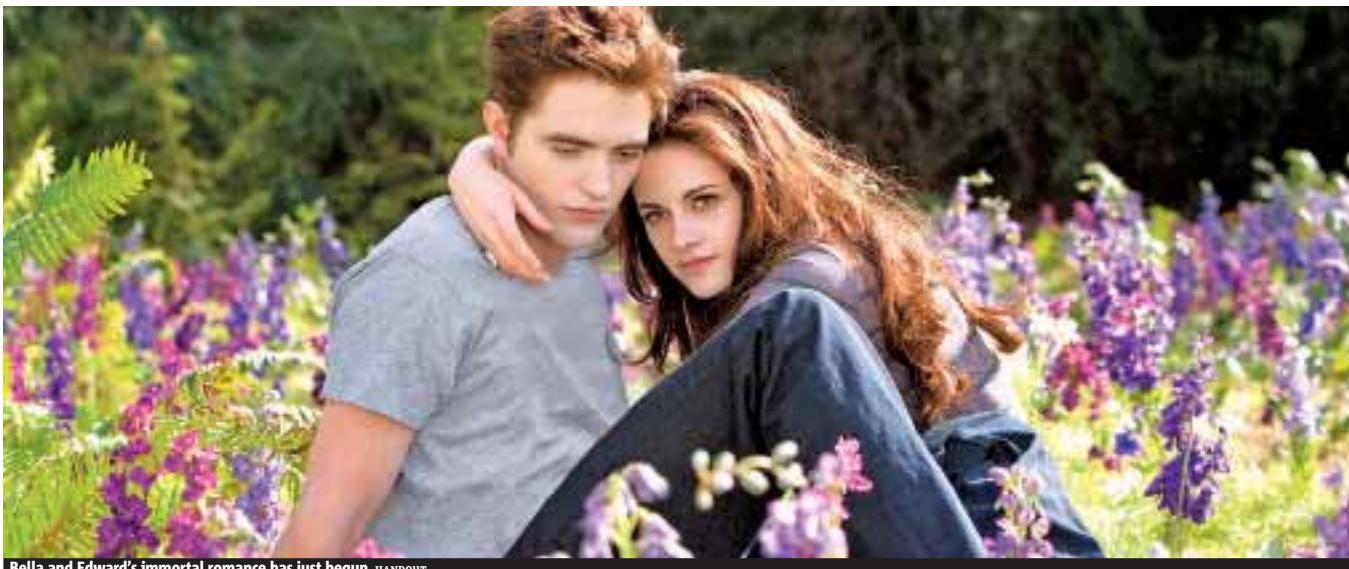
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Bella and Edward's immortal romance has just begun. HANDOUT

Reel Guys

RICHARD
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Breaking Dawn - Part 2. In this Reel Guys, Liz Brown, a TwiHard, helps skeptic Richard Crouse understand the final installment

Richard: Liz, this is it... or is it just the beginning of Edward and Bella's immortal romance? I don't know. All I know is the film franchise is over and it goes out with probably the most enjoyable movie of the bunch. It's out with the angst, and in with a newfound sense of fun. The previous movies struck me as overly ponderous; this one is actually quite funny, occasionally bordering on camp. And that's OK given that the story of vampire babies and ab-tastic werewolves is rather silly. Tell me, superfan, what did you think?

Liz: Richard, the first step is admitting you have a prob-

lem — and I do. I fell for the fang when I picked up Christopher Pike's The Last Vampire series in Grade 6. Twilight brought me back to that time — daydreaming about brooding, loner vampires and wishing I had superpowers. It seems in this last installment the franchise has whole-heartedly embraced its camp. I prefer my femmes to lean towards the fatale, so it was nice to see Kristen Stewart finally stop biting her lip and show us her blood-thirsty side.

RC: I agree! Four movies of brooding Bella and Edward's ennui was enough. The sad faces and staring off into space may have captured the pain of teen love, but, if you'll excuse the pun, they also sucked some of the lifeblood from the story. The newlyweds still share eternal love, but now they're having some fun. Edward, if you watch closely, even smiles occasionally. It's a big step from the first installments and, unsurpris-

ingly, it makes for a more fun movie.

LB: I'm sorry Richard, I'm still firmly Team Jacob, so I didn't pay Edward much heed. But I'll agree — the actors are having fun in this final hurrah. The most fun for me? Jacob's semi-nude explanation of the supernatural. Judging from the cheers in the crowd, I'm not the only one who enjoyed it. But I was a little disappointed with the action scenes. I know it's a film for tweens, but couldn't the battles have a bit more style?

RC: I thought I heard you let out a squeal when Lautner stripped down. Don't worry. I won't tell anyone. The action scenes are bloodless for the most part. The Walking Dead makes this look like Sesame Street, but I liked the steely look of determination on Dakota Fanning's face throughout. I just hope she wasn't paid by the word for her mostly mute performance.

Synopsis
It can be said that the world can be divided into two groups: Those who like the Twilight movies and those who don't get the vampire romance movies. We look at why fans are addicted to this undead love story.

• **Richard:** •••••

• **Liz:** •••••

LB: Yes, Fanning's Jane doesn't get too many lines this time out, but overall this film is less talky than the others — and that's a good thing. I'm sad to bid farewell to the Cullens, but I'm certain they'll be happy in their "perfect piece of forever." My inner tween now anxiously awaits the next adventure of Katniss Everdeen.

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Andre 3000 talks music and trying to humanize Hendrix

Rock star biopic. Actor and musician aimed to find the regular guy inside the legendary guitar icon

In order to capture his best version of Jimi Hendrix for an upcoming biopic, Andre 3000 said he had to think of him as a regular dude and not a rock star.

"I didn't look at him as an icon because when you're in it, you don't know you're an icon. You don't know you're an icon until other people say you're an icon," the 37-year-old said in an interview Tuesday.

"So I had to take it as a person, you know what I mean? And I just tried to say, 'Well, what would Jimi want people to know that they can't get off of YouTube?' And that's how I approached it," he said.

Hendrix died at age 27 in 1970. He was ranked No. 1 on Rolling Stone magazine's great-

Being Hendrix

"I didn't look at him as an icon because you're in it, you don't know you're an icon."

Andre 3000
On playing rock star Jimi Hendrix.

est guitarists of all-time list. His band, The Jimi Hendrix Experience, is known for iconic albums such as Electric Ladyland and Are You Experienced.

All Is By My Side, which focuses on the early days of Hendrix's career, will be released next year. Andre 3000 is excited



Andre 3000 filmed the Hendrix biopic in Ireland. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

to see the film, which he's finished shooting in Ireland. He believes the public "will be pleased."

Andre 3000, one-half of OutKast with Big Boi, has been out of the music scene in recent years, although he's been featured on songs by Beyoncé, Frank Ocean, Rick Ross, Ke\$ha and Young Jeezy.

OutKast's 2006 platinum-selling album, Idlewild, which accompanied a film of the same name starring the duo, was their last album. Their 11-time platinum Speakerboxxx/The Love Below won the 2004 Grammy Award for album of the year.

Big Boi, who released a solo album two years ago to wel-

coming reviews, will release a new solo disc, Vicious Lies and Dangerous Rumours, next month.

But Andre 3000 isn't in a rush to record an album.

"Some days I feel like I'll do it, some days I don't. Some days I feel like I don't need to, some days I feel like I want to do it before I die. So, I don't know



Jimi Hendrix, arguably the greatest guitarist ever, died tragically at the age of 27. HANDOUT

where to fall. I am just hoping one day I get that inspiration," he said at an event for Gillette's eMO'gency Styler Tour, which supports men's health and

Quoted

"It's a feeling for me. I can't just throw out an album to be rapping."

Andre 3000
When asked if he is bringing out a new record.

bum in three days and I'm like, 'This is what I want to say right now' – that can happen, too."

He also says he's constantly writing songs.

"I write all the time ... I actually stopped typing it in my phone because like a cloud is basically reading every thought that I have and I don't like that," he said. "So I went back to my paper and started writing."

He's not sure fans want a new OutKast album for the right reasons.

prostate cancer programs. The tour kicked off in New York, with stops scheduled in Chicago and Houston.

"It's a feeling for me. Like, I can't just throw out an album to be rapping," he said. "And I don't even know if it will be rap. I don't even know what it will be."

However, he could find the inspiration and complete an album in just a few days: "It could be a rush situation. Like if I feel that feeling and I record an al-

"Man, we've had a great ride ... Like when we got into it when we were high school kids and we just wanted to do something fun and push it, and if it's not that then why do it?" he said.

"I'm not the type that prescribes to nostalgia, and most people say they want an OutKast album because they used to love it. Y'all don't even know if y'all still love it. You just know you used to love it. But you may not like it now, who knows?"

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Actors find the silver lining in tough roles

Silver Linings

Playbook. Working with David O. Russell drew out raw performances in Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence

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Director David O. Russell is a rare breed of filmmaker whose name transcends the project it's attached to. Mark Wahlberg tried for years to get the *Fighter* made before Russell got on board — and just try explaining I Heart Huckabees to someone who's never seen it.

So it was with *Silver Linings Playbook*, the director's latest starring Bradley Cooper and Jennifer Lawrence.

"These are the kinds of

films I dreamed about making as a kid," says Cooper, who cites Russell's *Spanking the Monkey* as a favourite of his.

Lawrence says she didn't even read the script before taking the part.

"Then I did and I was glad I said yes."

After having its world premiere at this year's Toronto International Film Festival the story of a mentally ill teacher trying to put his life back together won the fest's People's Choice Award.

What makes Russell's films so unique, says Lawrence, is his ability to make the audience sympathize with unsympathetic characters.

"He's the only filmmaker who gives audiences a choice not to like people."

Yes Russell has a reputation for being brutal with his actors.

A clip on YouTube called I Don't Heart Huckabees shows the filmmaker verbally berating

ing actress Lily Tomlin on the set for *Huckabees*.

Russell explains that he likes working with actors who can figure out a scene on the spot.

Lawrence calls working with him "perfection," while Cooper says, "David has a unique ability to get people to go to their core instantaneously."

"The actors gave so much of themselves," says Russell. "We had choices in the editing room. We could have made them so much less likeable."

The rawness of their performances are on the screen. Cooper's character Pat has just been released from a court ordered mental institu-

tion and is prone to violent outbursts after moving in with his parents.

Despite a lack of social graces, Pat befriends Tiffany, a widowed sex addict played by Lawrence, who promises to get him in touch with his estranged wife.

Neither character's lives are clean says Russell. In fact they're quite messy, but both share their feelings and tell the truth.

Given the dark subject matter, that the film retains Russell's trademark black humour is a testament to the realness of the characters says Cooper.

"When that starts to happen it gets funny, it gets tragic — it gets real."

Quoted

"He's the only filmmaker who gives audiences a choice not to like people."

Jennifer Lawrence on David O. Russell's ability to make audiences sympathetic to unsympathetic characters.



Silver Linings Playbook, starring Bradley Cooper, opens next Wednesday.

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Drama



Lincoln

Director. Steven Spielberg

Stars. Daniel Day-Lewis, Sally Field

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Lincoln focuses on a short period in Honest Abe's career, zeroing in on the backroom politics that led to the passage of the anti-slavery 13th Amendment through the House of Representatives. The first glimpse of Daniel Day-Lewis as Abraham Lincoln feels like watching a Yankee five-dollar bill come to life. It's a remarkable performance in a movie filled with great acting. Tommy Lee Jones and Sally Field also impress, but it is director Steven Spielberg who really brings this ambitious and important story to life.

RICHARD CROUSE

Documentary



Stories We Tell

Director. Sarah Polley

Stars. Sarah Polley, Michael Polley

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Truth may be stranger than fiction but in *Stories We Tell*, Sarah Polley proves it to be particularly compelling as well. A four-year semi-secret project, the actress-turned-Oscar-nominated filmmaker explores her ebullient late-mother's possible infidelity and her own biological probability through family interviews and a fascinating blend of real and recreated footage. Not only is it stirring drama but the film's such an engrossing dissection of truth and memory, it'll leave you curious about your own family's stories.

STEVE GOW

Documentary



Ai Weiwei: Never sorry

Director. Alison Klayman

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Ai Weiwei: Never Sorry is a documentary worth watching if only for its subject — China's most controversial artist and activist. Though slightly meandering, director Alison Klayman convincingly lays out Weiwei's massive accomplishments (which include designing Beijing's Bird's Nest Stadium for the 2008 Olympics to continual legal battles against an oppressive government) with a brisk and befitting brevity. Weiwei is a fascinating figure that's definitively fit for the cinema.

STEVE GOW

Quoted

"It was such a moving experience I think because the winter was so hard with all the bad publicity and the insults."

The film was a chance for the residents "to have a place to speak for yourself and be recognized."

"There were a lot of old people who watched the film and they were just hugging me and (saying), 'Thank you.'

Acclaimed Abenaki filmmaker Alanis Obomsawin on recently screening her film *The People of the Kattawapiskak River: The Story of the 2011 Housing Crisis for the people of Attawapiskat*. The film puts a human face on a crisis in the Cree community in Northern Ontario that most people discovered in brief images of decrepit housing on the evening newscasts or in angry exchanges in the House of Commons. The community had declared a state of emergency on Oct. 28, 2011, and in the fallout Canada received a rebuke from the United Nations.

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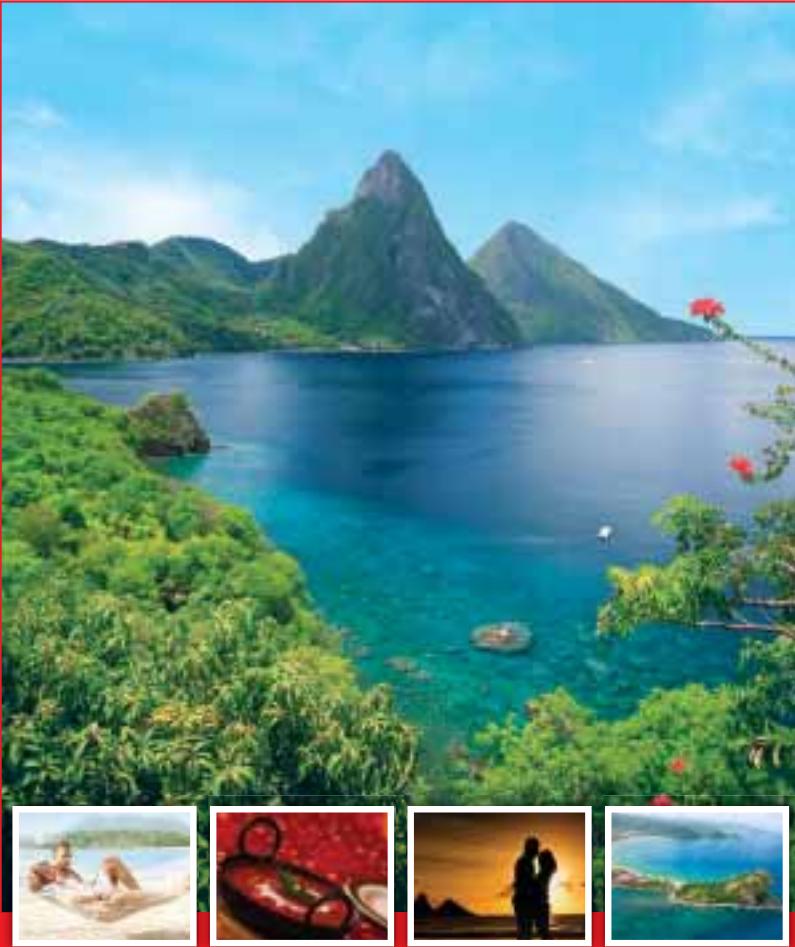


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12:00 PM	Giselle Delmas & Ian Barr Fujitsu	Quality Innovative Scanning and Mobile Solutions	Auditorium
12:45 PM	Caroline Whippey LDSTF	Science Fairs Give your favourite student a head start in the 21 st Century.	Stage
1:00 PM	Kimberly Hoover Greentec	Importance of Recycling Electronics Social and corporate responsibility is no longer an option for forward thinking companies; it is a way of life	Auditorium
2:00 PM Keynote	Peter White LEDC	London - Digitally Interactive A focus on the key developments in London's ITC industry and burgeoning digital media segment sponsored by: SURGE COMMUNICATIONS INC	Auditorium
3:15 PM	Mark Brown Surge	Content is King A look at how content marketing and online video have changed the digital landscape	Auditorium
4:00 PM	Allison Fisher TechAlliance	TechAlliance	Stage
4:15 PM	BAASS Business Solutions Inc	Top 5 Reasons why SMBs should implement CRM	Auditorium
5:15 PM	Shane Coughlin MicroCad	Managed IT Solutions, VMWare, Cloud Solutions, Surveillance And It Cameras, Back And Disaster Recovery	Auditorium
6:15 PM	Simon Whiston DLINK	DLINK	Auditorium

Saturday

Time	Speaker	Topic	Location
2:00 PM Keynote	Carmi Levy	Gadgets bore him. Would you agree? Focusing on the Convergence Point of Technology, Business and Society	Auditorium
4:15 PM	Angela Hawkins Western Fair District	The 5 Steps to Facebook Marketing Success Learn how to manage your own Business Facebook Page through 5 easy steps, including tips and ideas from Western Fair District's Social Media Coordinator.	Auditorium
4:45 PM	Jessie & Kelly MacAlpine LDSTF	Science Fairs Give your favourite student a head start in the 21 st Century.	Stage
5:15 PM	ATN	Voice Recognition Assistive Technology add ons Kursweil Software (ADD assistive technology)	Auditorium
6:30 PM	Kimberly Hoover Greentec	Greentec & Microcad offer a presentation on the Importance of Recycling Electronics, not only for our environment and health but also to help support good causes...	Auditorium

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How to Destroy Angels, Crystal Castles, Rolling Stones are make-or-break for labels

We're in the midst of the biggest avalanche of big-name releases of the year. Here are three more tracks:



SOUND CHECK
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Keep It Together/How to Destroy Angels

Trent Reznor returns with a band featuring his wife, Mariqueen, and his soundtrack collaborator, Atticus Ross. Make sure you spell the title of the EP right: An Omen (that underscore is not a typo.)

On the web



Want to hear these tunes?
Visit metronews.ca/scene
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Affection/Crystal Castles

Canadian band living in London records their third album (cleverly entitled III) in Warsaw then goes to war against Katy Perry for "selling sex to kids." Fascinating.



Doom and Gloom/Rolling Stones

One of two new tracks on Grrr!, the new Rolling Stones greatest hits collection. Although the artwork is horrible, I still felt the need to drop \$150 on the super-deluxe box set.

Rihanna. On board with a pop star as she kicks off her promotional 777-tour



Follow Rihanna's tour in Metro next week. GETTY IMAGES

Who wants champagne?

Rihanna serves true bubbly from a golden bottle into

plastic cups, handing them out left and right to fans and journalists when walking down the centre aisle of the private jet that are taking us to seven cities in seven days.

The superstar and her entourage sit in business class but now she is walking past our video cameras and iPhones, a tiny figure in a black top, sun glasses and gold jewelry.

There are journalists and fans from five continents and more than 30 countries on the plane. Take off is, of course, two hours late and the scheduled press conference is cancelled. Rihanna seems to be the only one who knows what's going to happen next. And that she likes to party is no secret either.

The welcome greeting is concluded with a "Let's get drunk!"

"This is what my life looks like. You better like it!" she says to her fans on the plane before returning to business class.

Jesper Melin, a 23-year-old plumber from Stockholm, is one of the lucky fans onboard. He was snoozing when Rihanna came past his seat.

"Are you asleep, baby? Here, have some champagne," she said to him.

Jesper's friend Daniel Thunell, 22-year-old tinsmith said hello to the superstar.

"It feels unreal and great. I took her hand, it was small and warm," he says.

The first show in Mexico City included many hits and one new song.

"She has changed style completely, it is so cool. Nice beats, it was great," says Jesper Melin.

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Amy Heckerling: 'Vamps' of a different colour

Manhattan blood suckers.

Veteran director latest to explore vampire genre

HEIDI PATALANO

Metro World News in New York City

Edward and Bella aren't the only bloodsuckers in town. Veteran director Amy Heckerling, whose teen comedies *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* and *Clueless* have become modern classics, tried her hand at the vampire genre.

But it was never her intention to jump on a bandwagon.

"I mean, I wrote this before *Twilight* came out and I didn't read the books. ... That was a whole other world I'm not a big fan of," Heckerling explains. "I don't know where they live —

out in the northern West Coast kind of area — I'm a city person and I wanted to feel what it would be like to just always stay young, to go to school, to have a part-time job, to have friends, to go out and do the things that I think would be fun to do endlessly."

And so we have *Vamps*, starring *Clueless* actress Alicia Silverstone and *Don't Trust the B- in Apartment 23* star Krysten Ritter. The ladies play roommates who look for love in Manhattan while also trying to avoid the urge to suck the blood of their suitors.

The rules for how a vampire lives, eats and sleeps are different for each and every story told about them. But when creating her own vampire universe, Heckerling turned to the classics for inspiration.

"What I liked was in Bram Stoker's *Dracula*," she says. "I

feel like he laid out a nice history and set of rules. But then the Anne Rice situation of 'Interview with the Vampire' — the main character did not have to kill people. For me, I think people are sympathetic if you don't kill people. It's just a quirk of mine. I went with [the idea] that they needed warm running blood from a mammal. These girls were trying to be nice and do as little harm as possible."

As for explaining why these fictional creatures have been so popular, Heckerling has a simple, sensible answer:

"I don't find it surprising in the world that where people in their 30s, 40s and 50s [who are] obsessed with extending the 20s forever would be a society that would gravitate to vampires," she says. "How can you really keep it together forever? As far as mythology goes, vampires can!"



Director Amy Heckerling attends the Cinema Society and Rachael Ray Nutrish with Grey Goose Cherry Noir screening of *Darling Companion* at the Tribeca Grand Screening Room in April. STEPHEN LOVEKIN/GETTY IMAGES

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Colbert once again makes Canada the butt of a joke

Who's Attacking Me Now?

Comedy host also aimed at Canada prior to 2010 Olympic Games

Stephen Colbert the faux-conservative host of the satirical Colbert Report, took to his show Wednesday night to confront Canadian critics who were apparently angry that the comedian referred to Windsor Ont., as "Earth's rectum" in his new book, America Again: Rebecoming the Greatness We Never Weren't.

In a segment called Who's Attacking Me Now, Colbert claimed that the "maplestream" media in Canada had their "mittens in a bunch" over the apparent slam.

Quoted

Could the Earth's rectum be Windsor? I don't know. It could just as easily be Winnipeg."

Stephen Colbert

However, in a segment rife with groaning puns on Canuck stereotypes, the 48-year-old Colbert warned Canadians not to get their "tuques in a twist."

"As a journalist, it is my job to ask these probing questions," Colbert said.

"Could the Earth's rectum be Windsor? I don't know. It could just as easily be Winnipeg."

Colbert memorably took aim at his neighbour to the north prior to the 2010 Olym-

pic Games, when he labelled Canucks "syrup suckers" and "ice-holes" because he thought U.S. speedskaters weren't getting enough practice time on Canadian ice.

He eventually made amends, heading to Vancouver during the Games to film an episode of his show in front of an adoring crowd.

On Wednesday, Colbert delighted in referencing a poll from the CBC website indicating that — at the time — roughly three-quarters of respondents believed the publicity brought by Colbert would be positive for Windsor.

"Apparently, the 'Earth's rectum' is an improvement over Windsor's previous reputation," he said.

"So you're welcome, Windsor. You just got the Colbert bump." **THE CANADIAN PRESS**



Stephen Colbert presents an award onstage at the 64th Primetime Emmy Awards at the Nokia Theatre in September.
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Shania Twain makes her official arrival on horseback at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas on Wednesday. **JASON BEAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Twain parades on horse to promote gig

Country music star Shania Twain arrived on horseback Wednesday for a two-year headline gig at Caesars Palace, parading up the Las Vegas Strip with a herd of 40 horses.

Promoters called the event a stampede, but hooves were kept to a steady, slow gait by nine wranglers who escorted Twain to a reception crowd of several hundred people in front of the famous Caesars fountains.

Dozens more people

watched from the sidewalk of the Flamingo resort across Las Vegas Boulevard.

"We could either lose a few hundred dollars inside or come out and see what kind of spectacle she puts on," said Steve Huffman, a UPS manager who watched with his wife, Debi, from an overhead pedestrian walkway.

The couple was in town for his 52nd birthday and learned through a Twitter message that Twain planned to arrive

on a horse.

They identified Twain's hit, Man, I Feel Like a Woman, as the country singer rode up the street, and they said they'll plan to see the show next year.

Still The One blasted on speakers as Twain stepped onto a temporary outdoor stage near fountains made famous by events including daredevil Evel Knievel's motorcycle crash during a stunt on New Year's Eve 1967. To some, Twain's arrival

echoed singer Frank Sinatra's heralded arrival on a camel at the old Dunes hotel in September 1955.

Twain's show titled Shania: Still The One opens Dec. 1 at the nearly 4,300-seat Colosseum at Caesars Palace. The venue also hosts entertainers Celine Dion, Elton John, Jerry Seinfeld and others. Twain, 47, is touted as one of the best-selling female country artists of all time.

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Guy Fieri responds to scathing New York Times review

Guy Fieri is understandably upset with the New York Times' withering review of his new Times Square restaurant, Guy's American Kitchen & Bar. "I just thought it was ridiculous," Fieri says in an interview with the Today Show.

"There's good and there's bad in the restaurant business. That one went overboard."

The review, a series of criticizing questions posed to Fieri about the restaurant, service and dishes, including, "Why did the toasted marshmallow taste like fish?" "When we hear the words Donkey Sauce, which part of the donkey are we supposed to think about?" and, "When you hung that sign by the entrance that says, WELCOME TO FLAVOR TOWN!, were you just messing with our heads?" METRO WORLD NEWS

Poor driving lands Bieber in hot water

The bad news keeps coming for newly single Justin Bieber.

The Canadian pop star returned to L.A. and within 24 hours found himself pulled over by the sheriff's department for his poor driving skills, according to Hollyscoop. "He was cited for an unsafe left turn and expired registration," a Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokesman says. Bieber is due in court January 14 for the citations.



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It doesn't matter how you slice it: Canadians love their pizza. Fresh or frozen, baked in a wood-fired brick oven or from a neighbourhood take-out joint, the way we devour it almost makes you think that Italians discovered the Great White North.

While my quest for that perfect mix of dough, sauce and toppings has taken me everywhere from Naples, Italy to Sydney, Australia, I've discovered that the hunt for the perfect pie really begins at home.

Making a pizzeria style version in your own kitchen isn't rocket science — especially when you keep things simple like a Pizza Margherita: The classic Napoli pie that, with its combo of tomato, mozzarella and basil, was designed to mirror the Italian flag.

As a general rule, your average pizza is pretty vino friendly. Without meaty influences, a lighter, leaner red makes the ideal quaffable match. Bolla's 2011 Valpolicella Classico (\$11.95 - \$15.50) is a perennial by-the-glasser at in-the-know pizza parlours. Its soft, fruity blend of cherry and subtle spice makes as happy a marriage with a Margherita-style pizza as it does with a mainstream PRICES REFLECT THE RANGE ACROSS THE COUNTRY. SOME PRODUCTS MAY NOT BE AVAILABLE IN ALL PROVINCES.

Master Italian with the Cake Boss

New cookbook. The TLC star shares 100 of his favourite recipes

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Sundays at Buddy Valastro's house are ruled by three f-words: food, family and football.

It's a day for the star of TLC's hit show Cake Boss to throw on his New York Giants jersey and munch on game snacks (wine, bread and prosciutto, in case you're wondering) while his wife, Lisa, whips up tomato sauce.

But the man behind Carlo's Bakery also knows his way around the kitchen — so much so that he has released Cooking Italian with the Cake Boss: Family Favorites As Only Buddy Can Serve Them Up.

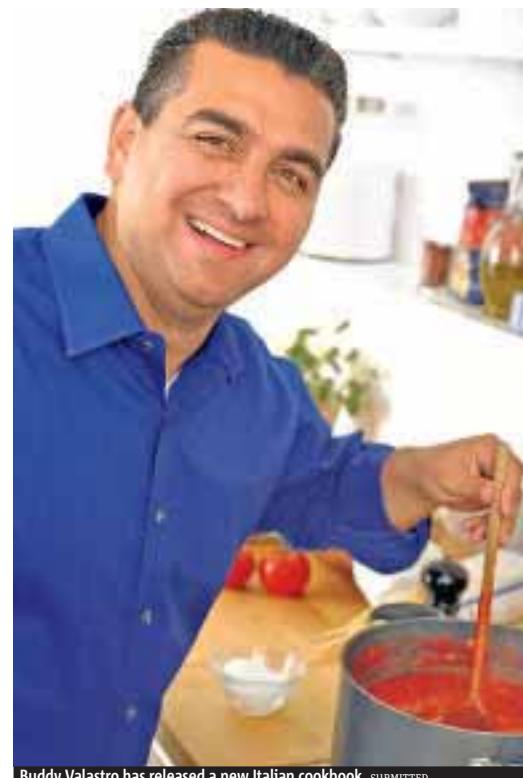
The 100-recipe book features Italian-American dishes with signature touches that may just expand Valastro's boss reputation to boiling pots of potato gnocchi and simmering dishes of lasagna.

The book is dedicated to your wife. Who is really the boss in your kitchen?

I gotta give it up to my wife, she is definitely the boss of cooking in my house. She does 90 per cent of it. I wanted to dedicate a book to her and I'm so happy it's this one because a lot of the recipes are hers, so I feel like I didn't just steal from her.

I have to pit you against your mom and your wife, and ask, who is the best cook?

Oh, I'm definitely the best cook out of the three. They won't even try to deny it. My food has



Buddy Valastro has released a new Italian cookbook. SUBMITTED

a lot more flavour profile to it. I attribute that to having a really unique palate. When I'm at a restaurant and I eat something, I can pick apart what's in it.

Is there anything you haven't mastered in Italian cooking?

I don't consider myself a master. I think that I'm a really good cook. I'm not intimidated to try anything. At the end of the day, nothing brings families together like food, but sometimes people get in a rut. Take my wife, God bless her, great cook ... but she makes the same stuff

every week. So I want the book to make people think, 'You know what? Instead of making plain veal cutlets, I'm gonna make Veal Saltimbocca. Let me try something new.'

Aside from Italian, what else do you like to cook?

Oh, I cook everything. My favourite is probably Asian.

Are we going to get a Cooking Chinese with Buddy book?

I don't know about cooking Chinese, but Buddy can make some damn good fried rice.

Recipe

Buddy's Pizza Margherita

- Position rack in bottom of oven and set pizza stone on rack. Preheat to 450 F.
 - Lightly work surface and a pizza peel with cornmeal. Pat and stretch or roll out the dough to a 9- to 10-inch round. In one swift movement lift the dough by one edge and drag it onto peel.
 - Use ladle to spoon sauce into centre of dough, then use back of ladle to spread it, leaving 1/2-inch border. Scatter mozzarella decoratively over pizza.
 - Open oven and carefully slide pizza onto stone. Bake until crust is golden brown and cheese bubbles, 10 to 12 minutes. Remove pizza with peel. Scatter basil over pizza, season with pinch of salt, and drizzle with extra-virgin olive oil.
 - Transfer pizza to a serving platter. Slice into 6 slices, and serve.
- Cornmeal, for dusting your work surface and pizza peel
 - 1/3 Pizza Dough recipe (page 95) or store-bought pie
 - 1/4 cup Pizza Sauce (page 97) or store-bought
 - 4 oz fresh mozzarella, sliced into 1/4-inch-thick rounds and drained on paper towels
 - 6 leaves fresh basil
 - Kosher salt
 - Extra-virgin olive oil, for serving ADAPTED FROM COOKING ITALIAN WITH THE CAKE BOSS BY BUDDY VALASATRO (SIMON & SCHUSTER, 2012)

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Whether you're hoping to dance, drink or just relax, check out these hot upcoming events.



Said the Whale

Vancouver indie rock icons Said The Whale will be playing at Western University on Thursday, Nov. 22. The group has toured relentlessly around North America over the past couple of years as their success has steadily risen, and they won the 2011 Juno for Best New Group. They will be performing at The Wave restaurant in the University Community Centre. Tickets are \$15 in advance and available at [westernmusc.ca](#). 19+, doors open at 9:30. Photo courtesy of Julie Booth.



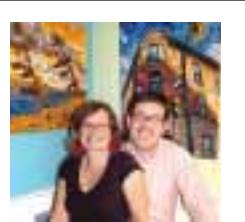
Sculpture Culture

On Saturday, Nov. 17, London's first-ever exhibition of indie, custom and do-it-yourself toys will open at Über Cool Stuff (123 Carling St.). The show will show off creations from artists around Ontario, including eight from the Forest City. Called Sculpture Culture, the show emphasizes the artistic value of the toys on display. The show runs from 11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Saturday. Photo courtesy of Chris McInnis, sculpture by Kevin Hogan (London).



Fashion Rocks

At Fanshawe College, fashion is going to the dogs. Students in the fashion merchandising program are putting on a rock-inspired fashion show in support of Paws United, a dog rescue and adoption nonprofit. Supported by local boutiques like Lolita, Frilly Lizard and From Mars, Fashion Rocks: Hair of the Dog will be a must-see event for fashion aficionados. The show will run on Thursday, Nov. 22 at Forwell Hall at Fanshawe. Tickets are \$20, and available through the Biz Booth (519-453-3720). Photo courtesy of Deb Trotechaud.



Forest City art

Local artists Peter Karas and Corinne Garlick will be opening their home art studio (155 Clarence St.) to the public on November 16, 17 and 18. The two painters spent years painting throughout Canada before finally settling in London. Their art depicts landscapes, houses and everyday life in vibrant colours. The event is free and open to all — the artists open their studio once a year for the opportunity to meet their audience. Open 7-10 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m.-5p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Photo courtesy of Corinne Garlick.



Metric

Canadian superstars Metric will be playing in London with openers STARS as part of their 10-date Canadian tour on Monday, Nov. 19 at Budweiser Gardens (99 Dundas St.). Their album *Synthetica*, released in June, debuted at number two on the Soundscan Album Chart and produced the hit single *Youth without Youth*. Tickets start at \$36.75 and are available at [budweisergardens.com](#). Photo by Justin Broadbent.



Moon man

The last man to walk on the Moon, Harrison 'Jack' Schmitt, will be speaking at Western University tonight at 7:00. One of only 12 people ever to set foot on the moon, Schmitt will speak about his experience on the 1972 Apollo 17 mission as part of an annual public lecture series at Western's Centre for Planetary Science and Exploration. The lecture will be at 6 p.m. in room 145 of the Natural Sciences Centre. Tickets start at \$15 and are available at [cpsx.uwo.ca](#). Photo courtesy of Jennifer Heidenheim.

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Nintendo Wii U — \$299.99 and up.



Best buys for the gamer on your list

MIKE YAWNEY
For Metro

Since the early '80s, video game consoles have always been big sellers around the holidays. This year is no different.

The competition between Nintendo, Sony and Microsoft continues to heat up. Here is some of the best gaming gear you can give.

Nintendo Wii U — \$299.99 and up

While it looks very similar to the Wii, the Wii U is a brand new console. With



beefed up hardware and intense graphical power, this will be the first Nintendo console to feature HD graphics. What really sets it apart is the new GamePad controller. As well as traditional buttons, the GamePad features a 6.2-inch touchscreen, stylus, accelerometer, gyroscope, Near-Field Technology, front facing camera and microphone. Nintendo promises to introduce new styles of gameplay never seen before. More importantly, when mom and dad want to watch TV, the Wii U console will stream the game to the screen on the GamePad so everyone remains happy. The Wii U is also backwards compatible with nearly all Wii games and controllers.



PS Vita — \$249 and up

Playstation takes portable gaming to the next level with the PS Vita. This handheld console features a vibrant five-inch touchscreen display, dual analog sticks, motion sensors, stereo speakers and two cameras. Surf the web, video chat with friends or challenge them to a game online via Wi-Fi or 3G. A rear touchpad introduces unique elements of gameplay not seen on any other handheld console.

Kinect — \$109.99

It's easy to dismiss video games as being just for kids, but Microsoft's Kinect for the Xbox 360 is so intuitive, even adults will have fun. The Kinect sensor uses a cam-

era to actually put you in the game. There is no controller; just you. All your movements are shown on screen, which makes it perfect for dance or fitness games. Whether it's for fitness or fun, Kinect opens up new possibilities.

Pulse Wireless Stereo Headset: Elite Edition — \$149.99

Play games late at night without waking up the family. This high-end wireless headset works exclusively with Playstation consoles. Enjoy 7.1 virtual surround sound and crystal clear voice chat thanks to the noise-cancelling microphone. These headphones can also connect to many different mobile devices with an included cable.

Gunnar Technology Eyewear — \$79.99

Eye strain can become a serious problem for gamers, espe-

Game ON

Below, clockwise, from top left: Gunnar Technology Eyewear — \$79.99; Pulse Wireless Stereo Headset: Elite Edition — \$149.99; PS Vita — \$249 and up; Skylanders Giants: Starter pack — \$74.99; Kinect — \$109.99.



cially those who play on PC monitors. Gunnar glasses are designed to increase screen contrast while blocking blue light, resulting in decreased eye fatigue and dryness. Those who use them swear by them. Available in a number of different styles.

Skylanders Giants: Starter pack — \$74.99

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Merry minstrels hit the right note

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The holidays are almost upon us. While many feel the first snowfall signifies the festive season's advent, though, the more musically inclined know that the release of yuletide albums mark its true arrival.

At that, this year there are plenty of minstrels primed to make us feel quite merry.

Legendary rocker Rod Stewart issues *Merry Christmas, Baby*, his first-ever holiday record. An interesting affair, it offers standards (*Auld Lang Syne*, *White Christmas*), duets (*We Three Kings* with Mary J. Blige and *What Are You Doing New Year's Eve?* accompanied by Ella Fitzgerald) and oddball tracks such as *Red-Suited Super Man*.

Lady Antebellum has also released its first holiday-themed collection this year. Dubbed *On This Winter's Night* (EMI), it boasts the country trio taking on 12 favourites such as, *A Holly Jolly Christmas*, *Let It Snow*, and *Silver Bells*.

Not to be outdone in the genre, revered twangy vocal-



ist Blake Shelton has also compiled his own slew of tracks. In fact, *Cheers, It's Christmas* (Warner) has already hit No. 1 on Billboard's Holiday Albums chart thanks to his efforts on *Jingle Bell Rock* and *Let It Snow! Let It Snow! Let It Snow!*

For a touch more upbeat fun, check out famed soul, hip-hop and R&B singer Cee Lo Green's inaugural Christ-

mas collection. Blending original tunes with carefully-selected covers, Cee Lo's *Magic Moment* (Atlantic) treats us to *What Christmas Means To Me*, *You're A Mean One*, *Mr. Grinch* featuring *Straight No Chaser* and, most impressively, *All I Need Is Love* backed by none other than *The Muppets*.

Diversity is the key behind Universal Music's *Holidays*

Rule compilation. Endeavouring to create a mixed bag that works well as background fodder for your inevitable party, its 17 new and beloved songs are performed by artists including Rufus Wainwright, Paul McCartney, Calexico, Y la Bamba, Punch Brothers and The Shins.

Sometimes we need to hear an extraordinary set of pipes really belt it out,

though. Thankfully, we've got a few true crooners who have stepped up to the mistletoe, prepared to kiss our ears with their velvety voices.

Opera star Katherine Jenkins' *This Is Christmas* (Universal) will surely soothe the seasonal beast thanks to her silky singing. From *The Christ-*

mas Song (Chestnuts Roasting On An Open Fire) through *Santa Baby* and *Deck The Halls* to *Hark The Herald Angels Sing*, one can bet this blonde bombshell is at her best.

Need a little more Canadian spirit in your seasonal celebration? Fear not, Michael Bublé will happily oblige with his pointedly-titled *Christmas (Reprise)*, a bastion of 15 holiday-heavy tunes ranging from *It's Beginning To Look A Lot Like Christmas* to *Santa Claus Is Coming To Town* and *I'll Be Home For Christmas*. Moreover, if there is a passionate Bublé fan on your gift list, consider the limited special edition with three bonus tracks and an exclusive acrylic ornament.

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The hottest toys for kids



HEATHER
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For Metro

Here's a roundup of five of the hottest kids toys as well as a few stocking stuffer ideas that are sure to raise the holiday spirits of every child on your gift list.

LeapPad2 Explorer

Based on the award-



The LeapPad2 Explorer, \$109.99, available at leapfrog.com.

winning LeapPad1, this tablet made especially for little people (ages three to nine years old) features front and back cameras, two video recorders, 4GB of memory and a library of hundreds of learning games, eBooks, videos, music and much more. The Gameboy-like portable unit focuses on educational gaming. Comes pre-installed with a music player and a few creativity apps. \$109.99. leapfrog.com

Furby

That furry and famous kids' pal is back and better equipped for a generation of tech-savvy kids. Furby is interactive: You can feed it, speak to it, tickle it, play music for it and it will react with varying emotions. But how you treat Furby will shape its person-

ality. Aside from capacitive sensors in its head, stomach, back and sides that react to touching, inside Furby's yellow beak is a red tongue that, when pressed, starts Furby chewing. Available in 10 colours. \$70. Ages six and older. Hasbro.ca

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Little singers can belt out their favourite tunes with this rockin' stage mic. Featuring a handheld microphone with a height-adjustable stand along with a headset mic, so two kids can share the spotlight at once. The microphone can be connected to an iPod, MP3 or CD player so little singers get a real surround sound effect. Disco Lights and applause sound effects are sure to delight wannabe Canadian Idols. \$39.95. Ages four and older. Mastermindtoy.com

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an educational tool but will provide hours of artistic fun. \$14.99. Ages six and older. Mastermindtoys.com

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This kit contains everything a little super sleuth needs to complete an investigation. Contained within the sleek black nylon case: Binoculars, a magnifying glass, fingerprint powder, brush, flashlight, secret marker pen set, and a spy guide. \$24.95. Ages six and older. Chapters.indigo.ca/toys

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The famous and furry Furby is back and better equipped for tech-savvy kids this holiday season. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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NHL lockout

Daly 'discouraged' as more game cancellations loom

Pessimism is growing around the NHL's stalled collective bargaining talks.

With no future negotiations scheduled, the league is getting close to another round of game cancellations that will further shorten any potential season. Asked on Thursday if the labour dispute had yet put the entire year in jeopardy, deputy commissioner Bill Daly replied: "I hope not."

"But I'm more discouraged now than I have been at any point in the process," Daly added.

The NHL is expected to start wiping games beyond Nov. 30 early next week.

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MLB

Selig to review Blue Jays, Marlins blockbuster

Baseball Commissioner Bud Selig says he is examining the pending blockbuster trade between the Miami Marlins and Toronto Blue Jays and is aware of the fan anger in South Florida.

Selig said Thursday the trade hasn't officially been presented to him. But he said the matter is under review and he talked to two independent baseball people who feel the Marlins did well in the proposed swap.

Miami has agreed to send all-star shortstop Jose Reyes and pitchers Mark Buehrle and Josh Johnson to Toronto for a group of the Blue Jays' top prospects. The trade is pending physicals, but many Marlins fans are upset with the deal since the team just moved into a new publicly financed ballpark.

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Miguel Cabrera of the Detroit Tigers watches his two-run home run leave the park against the New York Yankees on Oct. 18 during the American League Championship Series in Detroit. Cabrera, baseball's first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, was named American League MVP on Thursday. LEON HALIP/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Cabrera MVP win a nod to old-school numbers

MLB. Triple Crown winner claims AL MVP honour by wide margin over Angels rookie Mike Trout

Miguel Cabrera has a most valuable player award to go with his Triple Crown. And Buster Posey has an MVP prize to put alongside his second World Series ring.

The pair of batting champions won baseball's top individual honours Thursday by large margins.

Cabrera, the first Triple Crown winner in 45 years, won the AL MVP by receiving 22 of 28 first-place votes and 362 points from a Baseball Writers' Association of America panel.

The Detroit third baseman easily beat Los Angeles Angels rookie centre-fielder Mike Trout, who had six firsts and 281 points.

Some of the more sabermetric-focused fans supported Trout, who hit .326 with 30 homers and 83 RBIs, and he led the majors with 129 runs and 49 steals and topped all players in WAR — wins above replacement.

Trout won AL rookie of the year earlier in the week.

"I was a little concerned. I thought the new thing about computer stuff, I thought Trout's going to win because they put his numbers over me," Cabrera said. "I was like relax.... If he wins, it's going to be fair because he had a great season."

His victory is a win for the traditional statistics.

Triple Crown tradition

Cabrera hit .330 with 44 homers and 139 RBIs to become the first Triple Crown winner since Boston's Carl Yastrzemski in 1967.

- The last four Triple Crown winners have been voted MVP, including Mickey Mantle in 1956 and Frank Robinson in 1966.
- Cabrera also led the league with a .606 slugging percentage for the AL champion Tigers.

"At the end of the game, it's going to be the same baseball played back in the day," Cabrera said.

Posse, at a charity event

at his mother's school in Leesburg, Va., followed the AL debate and Googled to find out the winner.

"I think it intrigued everybody," he said. "As a fan of the game, it was a fun race to watch."

With three fewer hits or two less homers, Cabrera would have fallen short of the Triple Crown.

"I think winning the Triple Crown had a lot to do with me winning this honour," he said.

Cabrera became the second straight Detroit player voted MVP, following pitcher Justin Verlander in 2011, and was the first Venezuelan to earn the honour.

Countryman Pablo Sandoval took home World Series MVP honours last month.

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CFL's final assessment



East final

Toronto at Montreal, Sunday, 1 p.m. (TSN)

Here's something the Toronto Argos don't face every day — crowd noise, and lots of it. The more than 40,000 rabid Alouettes fans at Olympic Stadium for Sunday's East final will be harassing the



Argos in both official languages, rattling the Big O's creaky rafters and making things difficult for Argos quarterback Ricky Ray and the Double Blue offence.

The Argos have survived and, in fact, thrived in similar noisy atmospheres this season. Toronto escaped Hamilton's ear-piercing Ivor Wynne Stadium with a win on Labour Day. The Argos also emerged from rowdy Taylor Field in Regina to secure a win and second place in the East and their first home play-off game since 2007.

To prepare for Sunday's Thunderdome experience, the Argos have been practising with noise piped into Toronto's Rogers Centre in anticipation of the real thing on Sunday.

Season series: Toronto slipped past the Als 23-20 in Week 5, with Ricky Ray

throwing two TD passes. Montreal trounced the Argos 31-10 in Week 13 when Ray left the game early with a knee injury, while also beating the Argos 24-12 in Week 16.

Pick: Toronto by 3.



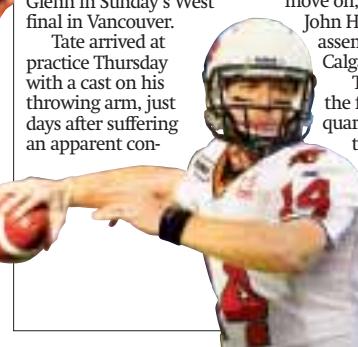
West final

Calgary at B.C., Sunday, 4:30 p.m. (TSN)

They were worried about his forehead just a couple of days ago, and now Drew Tate's forearm is causing headaches in Calgary.

The Stampeders quarterback is out for the rest of the season with a fractured right forearm, giving way to Kevin Glenn in Sunday's West final in Vancouver.

Tate arrived at practice Thursday with a cast on his throwing arm, just days after suffering an apparent con-



cussion in the Stamps' 36-30 West semifinal win over Saskatchewan. Although Tate's head received a clean bill of health, he underwent an MRI and CAT scan Tuesday when the small fracture was discovered in his throwing arm, sidelining him for the biggest game of the year.

"We won 10 out of the last 12. Kevin started eight of those wins, so we'll just move on," Stampeders coach

John Hufnagel told the assembled media in Calgary.

Tate said he suffered the fracture in the third quarter of the win over the Roughriders. It's a frustrating setback for Tate, who missed 14 games this season with a dislocated shoulder after being tackled

in Week 2. Glenn led the Stamps offence during Tate's absence, directing Calgary to a second-place finish in the West.

Season series: The Lions thumped the Stamps 34-8 in Week 5 in Calgary, and followed that win with a slim 27-22 victory in Vancouver in Week 15.

The Stamps answered in Week 18 with 34 unanswered points in a 41-21 win in Calgary.

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St-Pierre leaves his home to find his comfort zone

UFC. Fight in Montreal is the welterweight champion's first since April last year

Georges St-Pierre may be fighting at home this weekend, but he's not sleeping in his own bed.

The UFC welterweight champion has moved into a hotel, leaving the comforts of home ahead of Saturday night's UFC 154 main event with interim title-holder Carlos (Natural Born Killer) Condit at the Bell Centre.

He wants no part of the hometown feeling, other than to have friends and family in the stands.

"I want to feel like it's another fight, like normal," he said.

The move has cut into his



Georges St-Pierre THE CANADIAN PRESS

"At this time, I try to isolate myself, not get sick — not catch any cold or stuff like that. Stay very focused on the main goal," St-Pierre told reporters.

The fight is the first for St-Pierre (22-2) since April 2011 when he beat Jake Shields. He underwent reconstructive surgery after injuring his knee in training last fall.

Condit (28-5) defeated Nick Diaz in February to claim the interim title during St-Pierre's injury layoff.

After Friday's weigh-in, when he has to make 170 pounds, St-Pierre's immediate plan is to "eat and drink." An ice cream is high on his priority list.

"Even if I were to do 100 push-ups, I'm not going to get any stronger," he said. "So it's all in the mind. My training is done."

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privacy. Fans in the lobby have pretty much restricted his ability to leave his hotel room. But that plays into another priority ahead of the fight.

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Horoscopes**Aries****March 21 - April 20**

The more someone tries to blackmail you emotionally, the more you must resist. If you give in to them once, you will be expected to give in again and again. Don't let them intimidate you, today or any other day.

Taurus**April 21 - May 21**

This will be a hectic day, the kind when you always seem to be playing catch-up. But you will reach your goal in the end, so keep going. One of the strengths of your sign is your stubbornness — you refuse to be beaten.

Gemini**May 22 - June 21**

There is a time to be secretive and a time to be open and this is definitely one of the latter. If you share a problem today it, won't be a problem for long. If you keep it to yourself though, you may never resolve it.

Cancer**June 22 - July 23**

If you go to extremes, the consequences could be painful. Saturn in Scorpio warns that where both creative endeavors and affairs of the heart are concerned, you should stay on the straight and narrow.

Leo**July 24 - Aug. 23**

If you don't want to get involved in what others are planning, you must let them know immediately. If you keep quiet, they will take that as a sign that you approve and soon you won't be able to back out.

Virgo**Aug. 24 - Sept. 23**

If you want something, you will have to go out and get it for yourself. You cannot trust other people to bring it to your door, even if they promised to do so. And if they won't help, why should you share?

Libra**Sept. 24 - Oct. 23**

If someone in a position of authority gives you a hard time for no good reason today, the best thing to do is take it. The planets warn that they want you to respond so they can escalate the situation.

Scorpio**Oct. 24 - Nov. 22**

Some people like to boast about what they are going to do. You prefer to say nothing and just get on and do it. The less noise you make about your plans today, the more likely it is they will succeed.

Sagittarius**Nov. 23 - Dec. 21**

Whatever odds you face today, either at work or in your personal affairs, you must not be intimidated. Fortunately you are a very good actor: You may be scared on the inside but on the outside you appear utterly fearless.

Capricorn**Dec. 22 - Jan. 20**

You will meet someone today whose attitude and beliefs are about as different to yours as is possible. They say opposites attract and it is quite likely that the pair of you will form a long-lasting bond.

Aquarius**Jan. 21 - Feb. 19**

You may be tempted to double up on your workload and get everything finished as quickly as possible but is that really such a good idea? Quality work is always preferable to quantity, so take your time.

Pisces**Feb. 20 - March 20**

Set your sights high then go even higher. There is little, if anything, that is beyond your reach at the moment, so don't put up with average. Strive to be the biggest and the best at what you are good at.

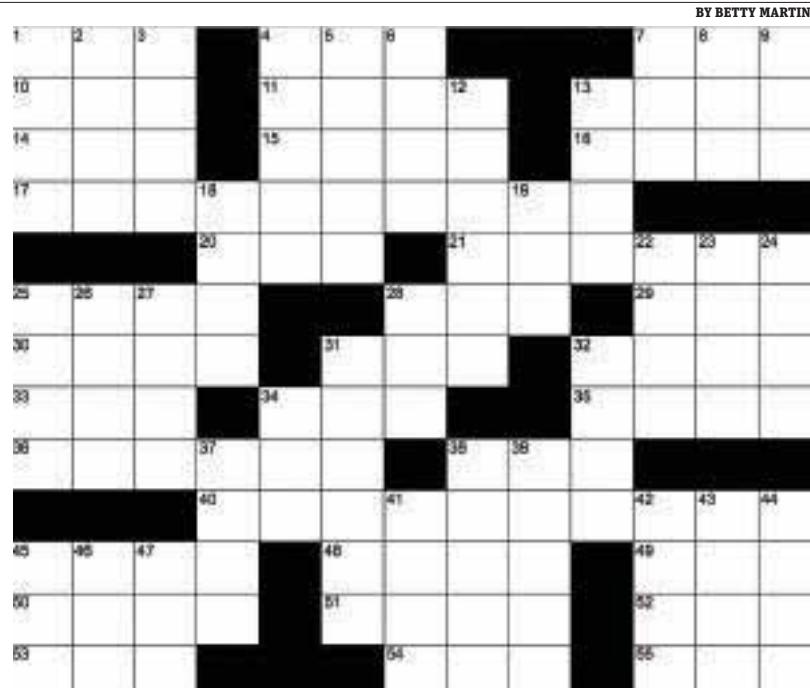
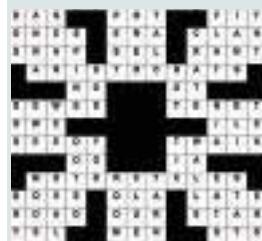
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Canadian Crossword**Across**

1. Bikini part
4. Dust cloth
7. Genetic component
10. Common suffix
11. Gershwin, and others
13. Avid
14. Deli staple
15. Empty —
16. — Chef America
17. Catapult
20. Eastern Standard Time
21. School room exercise
25. Winter malady
28. Actor Affleck
29. Gold
30. Shopkeeper on Little House on the Prairie
31. Heir, often
32. Bread spread
33. Feeling poorly
34. Morning moisture
35. Lake diver
36. Earth
38. Huge
40. Inwardly
45. Vile
48. "—Brockovich"
49. Wide shoe width
50. Whose — is it Anyway?
51. Fourth largest European river
52. Wheel of Fortune purchase (2 words)
53. Ziering of Beverly Hills, 90210
54. Ever (poet.)
55. Golf term

Down

1. Baby's neckwear
2. Dinner staple
3. Against
4. "Lord of the —"
5. Give it -- (2 words)
6. Savage cut
7. Actor James Van Beek of Dawson's Creek
8. Prefix meaning recent
9. Columnist Landers
12. Pilfered
13. Smooch
18. Names in the —
19. Just the — of Us
22. Alone
23. Chocolate layer cookie
24. Lunchtime
25. Spring back
26. How I Met Your Mother star — Patrick Harris
27. Pot
28. Child's ribbon
31. Sofa
32. Common German name
34. Rec room
37. Longest river
38. Blackmail
39. Deep inside
41. Perry Mason penner
42. — of faith
43. Actress/singer Horne
44. A — in the Life
45. Daryl Mitchell on Ed
46. By way of
47. Country motel

**Yesterday's Crossword****What's online**

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Yesterday's Sudoku

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